



The Acquisition and Property Division's (APD) Acquisition Programs and Oversight Branch (APOB) *Spotlight* focuses on initiatives, tools, and resources that provide information, assistance, and support to enhance Research, Education, and Economics (REE) employees' ability to cooperatively endeavor to support REE's mission.

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## APOB SPOTLIGHT

**Procurement Preference Program:** Once again, Research, Education, and Economics (REE) has received an excellent report card for support of the Procurement Preference Program (PPP). Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report shows REE on track to meet all of its goals. But... remember, it's only the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. Do you know of a small business (especially in those hard to find categories such as Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) or Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) categories) that has performed at a high level? Please share it with the other Business Service Center, Area, and Location acquisition personnel. It's as easy as sending an E-mail with the 1) company name and contact information, 2) type of supply/service, and 3) PPP category. This works for the AbilityOne Program as well. Sharing of this information benefits REE and the Small Business Community. Keep up the good work!

**System for Award Management (SAM):** Although not required by regulation, SAM requires companies to certify as Minority-Owned in order to certify as a Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB). SAM will be updated BUT contracting officials should view a company's full representations and certifications in order to ascertain its socio-economic status. Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation (FPDS-NG) input should reflect what is in the representations and certifications.

### **New/Updated Issuances**

[Acquisition Workforce New Hire Checklist](#) and [Acquisition Workforce Exit Checklist](#)

[APD Alert 2012-07, System for Award Management](#)

[APD Alert 2013-05, Interagency Acquisitions](#)

[APD Alert 2013-06, Posting Solicitations and Other Announcements and Notices on FedBizOpps for Architect-Engineer and Construction Contracts](#)

[APD Alert 2013-07, Sureties, Bonds, and Construction Projects](#)

[APD Alert 2013-08, Liquidated Damages](#)

[Contracting Officer \(CO\) maintenance training/tracking](#)